Wednesday December 7, 2011, 5.00pm
Venice International University, Island of San Servolo, Venice

Preserving the Artistic Heritage of Venice

Melissa Conn, Associate Director of Save Venice Inc

Discussant: Giorgio Gianighian, Professor of Architectural Restoration at the Faculty of Architecture, Università Iuav di Venezia, teaching "Training in Unesco World Heritage Sites" at VIU.

Melissa Conn will talk about the activities and organization of Save Venice Inc. and the challenges of preserving the city's artistic heritage, illustrating the current restoration of Paolo Veronese's decorative cycle in the Church of San Sebastiano.

The lecture will be in English and is open to the public. A reception will follow.

Thursday, December 15, 2011, 4.00pm
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Occupy Wall Street in a Global Context

Michael Hardt, Literature Program, Duke University, teaching "Venice and Globalization" at VIU

René Gabri, Artist and Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Design, Università Iuav di Venezia

Michael Hardt and René Gabri will explore some of the connections between the Occupy Wall Street movement and other political struggles in 2011. The discussion will highlight commonalities and discontinuities among the contemporary movements around the world that protest against the rule of finance and demand directly democratic social relations.

Discussant: Francesca Coin, Department of Comparative Linguistic and Cultural Studies, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia.

The lecture will be in English and is open to the public.

The event will be followed by the *Closing Ceremony of the Fall 2011 semester* of the Globalization Program on Cultural Heritage. A reception will follow.